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TALKING POINTS

NYC PREDATOR ROUND-UP

- **THANK YOU MARTY. I'D LIKE TO WELCOME FIRST DEPUTY COMMISSIONER RICHARD LEVY AND HIS STAFF FROM THE NEW YORK CITY PROBATION DEPARTMENT. WITHOUT THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS AND PERSEVERANCE, WE WOULD NOT BE STANDING HERE TODAY MAKING THIS ANNOUNCEMENT.**
- **PREDATORS STALK AND ATTACK THE MOST VULNERABLE SEGMENTS OF OUR SOCIETY, OUR CHILDREN. PREDATORS COMMIT UNSPEAKABLE ACTS THAT OFTEN DO IRREPARABLE HARM AND ROB THE INNOCENT OF THEIR INNOCENCE. LEFT ON THE STREETS PREDATORS COULD VICTIMIZE THEIR COMMUNITIES TIME AND TIME AGAIN. TODAY, WE STOPPED THESE PREDATORS IN THEIR TRACKS, AND THE PUBLIC SAFETY OF NEW YORK CITY IS BETTER OFF FOR IT."**

- **OUR AGENCY, U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT, OR “ICE,” WAS ESTABLISHED IN MARCH OF 2003 AS PART OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. ICE’S MISSION IS TO STRENGTHEN NATIONAL SECURITY AND UPHOLD PUBLIC SAFETY BY TARGETING THE PEOPLE, MONEY AND MATERIALS THAT SUPPORT TERRORIST AND CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES.**
- **PART OF THAT BROAD MISSION IS TO FIND AND REMOVE ILLEGAL ALIENS. IN DOING SO, WE PRIORITIZE OUR ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS AND TARGET ALIENS WITH CRIMINAL RECORDS BECAUSE THEY OFTEN POSE THE GREATEST THREAT TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY OF OUR NATION.**
- **OPERATION PREDATOR WAS LAUNCHED IN JULY 2003 TARGETING CRIMINAL ALIENS THAT SEXUALLY EXPLOIT CHILDREN. SINCE INCEPTION WE HAVE ARRESTED MORE THAN 900 PREDATORS FROM NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY ALONE AND MORE THAN 6,500 IN TOTAL. 3,100 OF THE FOREIGN BORN PREDATORS HAVE ALREADY BEEN DEPORTED WHILE THE REMAINING ARE IN REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS.**

- **TODAY FOR THE THIRD TIME WE HAVE PARTNERED WITH THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION TO IDENTIFY ALIEN PREDATORS ON PROBATION AND REMOVE THEM PERMANENTLY FROM THE COMMUNITY.**
- **AGAIN, I APPLAUD COMMISSIONER LEVY AND HIS STAFF FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO ROUT OUT PREDATORS IN NEW YORK AND THANK THEM FOR THEIR CONTINUED HARD-WORK AND RESOLVE.**
- **I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE COMMISSIONER LEVY TO SAY A FEW WORDS, AND THEN WE CAN TAKE SOME QUESTIONS.**